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Official Diary

Saturday, 7 March 1953

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1. Discussed with DCI, [REDACTED] et al, the OCI briefing respecting the death of Stalin and the related Soviet governmental reorganization.

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2. Discussed with [REDACTED] et al the performance of the briefing function in the office of DD/I.

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1. Spent 2½ hours with DCI, DD/P, [REDACTED] Discussed the general estimate of the effects of Stalin's death and the new government set-up. Heard, second hand, [REDACTED] appreciation. At DCI's direction undertook to convey the salient thoughts to AD/NE for consideration for incorporation in SE-39.

2. Raised with DCI the question of Chairmanship of the Career Service Board and found him favorable to the suggestion that Kirkpatrick might take this on as a major task.

3. Gave DCI a background fill-in on the development of SE-37 and pointed out the necessity for our developing a technique to overcome the "high-low" attack technique of the services: working level erosion of the paper until maximum concessions have been made by the Board followed by a general demurrer by the IAC member.

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4. Called his attention to [REDACTED] request for an appointment and DCI directed that such be set up at the earliest possible date.

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